

Positive Alternatives 2015 - 16 Quarterly Update

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Goal: To provide Pregnancy Counseling and other positive alternatives to abortion to pregnant women and parenting women

For the period: October 2015 – December 2015

Activity or Service	Activity or Service Description Major Work Plan Activities	Work Plan Count	Program Progress and Accomplishments Report the progress and accomplishments made this period on each activity.	Report Count
Administrative Activities	Provide guidance to Pregnancy Counselor; attend required meetings; prepare reports and evaluation materials for grant; overall communication regarding all grant requirements and functions; client intake and statistical information		During this quarter time spent on case management of LSW counselor, meeting with clients from time to time, case review, reporting requirements, annual meeting, and evaluation follow up and grant follow up. Due to staff changes and shortage administrative staff have had to do direct work with clients and reports above the norm to assist in working with clients. This is why hours a higher than typical months	
Outreach	Provide outreach information to organizations in Central and Northern MN; advertise pregnancy counseling services in the surrounding area		This quarter since we were not able to provided education with Adoption Option group due to low numbers we sent out a letters and brochures to all individuals we invited to at least provide them with additional information about our Pregnancy Program.	
Adoption Education	Licensed Social Workers (LSW) explore adoption with birthparents: provide education and information; provide counseling support services pre- and post-birth	4	This quarter 5 of the seven women that we worked with came in to learn more about the option of adoption. Although at this time only 1-5 have currently decided that adoption was their option we were able to provide education on that option. The other individuals have not made their decision as they	5

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			had to discuss with others in their lives or just had overall not made their decision.	
Case Management Services	LSW provide one-to-one pregnancy counseling services with follow-up	49	This quarter many of our women came in late in mid-December and therefore our overall "number of visits" is a little lower. Due to Christmas as well visit tend to be lower. Many of these women will be in for their second or third visit in the 2016 new year.	55
Interpreter	Provide interpreter services as needed	1 per year	None needed this quarter	0
Parenting Education	LSW provide parenting information to new mothers	2	When our women come into our office they will receive both parenting and adoption education as this is be best way to assist them in making an educated decision for both her and the child. When providing our women with both supports it allows them to make their decision at any point in their pregnancy.	7
Pregnancy Education	LSW provide pregnancy education services; support clients by providing resources	4	We still have many women this quarter in the decision process of parenting or adoption. We are proud to say that all of them have chosen life to our continued education on parenting will continue in the next quarter for these women	6
Provide Necessary Services Assessments Only	Staff provides clients only intake assessments, information on, referral to and assistance with securing necessary services	4	Necessary Services were provided to all of the clients this quarter as both were still in their decision making time.	7

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Transportation	Provide transportation assistance to enable clients to attend doctor or counseling appointments	2.5	Most of the clients came at the end of the quarter – therefore typically we do not give out gas cards at the first appointment unless necessary. This number may be more due to additional appointment/ counseling sessions.	1

Maternal and Child Health Initiative Task Force Strategies	No.
<i>Number of women who received car seats and car seat safety education from a PA funded program activity</i>	0
<i>Number of women who received car seat safety education only from a PA funded program activity</i>	0
<i>Number of women who received child abuse prevention education from a PA funded program activity</i>	0
<i>Number of women who received abusive head trauma (shaken baby) prevention education from a PA funded program activity</i>	0
<i>Number of women who received a baby bed, crib, or pack-n-play and sleep safety education from a PA funded program activity</i>	0
<i>Number of women who received sleep safety education only from a PA funded program activity</i>	0

Challenges: Finding new and creative ways to having women seek our program. We are currently looking at our advertising, and other communication in the community to continue in helping in increasing our numbers.

Comments: This quarter we have a 15 year old who is pregnant (soon to be 16) with this case she has chosen adoption with great support from her father (mother is still unknown) and her peers.